

Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2011



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We are now in full swing with activities for Sexual Assault Awareness Month! Please review the monthly events on the back of this newsletter. Contact the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office for more information on events.

We are excited to announce that Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR) is launching a new website to assist victims in acquiring assistance regardless of their location. Please see the website for more information www.SafeHelpline.org. This link does not replace resources available at each Base. It is an additional source for assistance. Continue to contact your local SAPR office for unrestricted and restricted reports, advocacy, consultation and local assistance.

“Hurts One Affects All... Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone’s Duty!”
Information cited from Air Force SAPR Strategic Plan FY 10-15

The Air Force SAPR Mission is to “Prevent and respond to sexual assault through a balance of focused education, compassionate advocacy, and justice in order to promote respect and dignity throughout the Air Force.” The Air Force SAPR Vision “Cultivate an Air Force without sexual assault which will be the benchmark for society and model for the world!” This is why we are here!

Sexual Assault Awareness Month helps us to remember that we still have an issue with sexual assault in all aspects of our society, including our military. Charlene Bradley, former Assistant Deputy of Force Management and Integration told Congress during her congressional testimony March 2009 “Prevention is a never-ending commitment. It requires consistent, continuing education and training, continuing emphasis by leadership on standards and values, visible support for victims and deterrents.” In order to combat the issue of sexual assault we must commit to prevention and education! This is a positive step in changing the attitudes of our society. A societal issue requires a societal change.

Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the United States. The same is true for our Armed Forces, nevertheless the Department of Defense (DoD) is working hard to reduce the stigma in reporting sexual assault throughout all branches. There were 3,230 reports of sexual assaults in fiscal year 2009 DoD wide, this is a 11% increase from fiscal year 2008. Training has made military members more aware of reporting options and resources, which plays a factor in the increase.

The most recent change for the Air Force involves a modification in training methods. Bystander Intervention Training (BIT) began in 2010 and the Altus SAPR Program has trained over 66% of the installation. Many have committed to taking an active bystander approach to stop potential incidences before they have the opportunity to develop into a sexual assault. If you have not completed BIT we encourage you to do so. We are determined to change mindsets one person at a time!

The DoD Sexual Assault Prevention theme for the last two years, because it is still true- *“Hurts One, Affects All... Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone’s Duty!”*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ribbons at Gates	2
	4 Good Touch Bad Touch 0930-1030 @ Washington Elementary	5	6 Good Touch Bad Touch 0830-0930 @ Roosevelt Elementary	7	8 Golf Tournament @ 1300-1630 Prevention Garden @ MDG
10	11 Male Bystander Intervention Training @ 1300-1430 @ Chapel Annex	12	13 5K Run dedicated to SAAM 2011 @ 0700	14	15
17	18 Male Bystander Intervention Training @ 1300-1430 @ Chapel Annex	19	20	21	22 Women Self Defense Class @ 0800-1200 @ Fitness Center
24	25 Female Bystander Intervention Training @ 1300-1430 @ Chapel Annex	26	27	28	29